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TO AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BRASILIA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TRIP

REF: BRASILIA 1277; RIO 809

1. THE PROPOSED VISIT TO THE SUPREME FEDERAL TRIBUNAL  
WAS DISCUSSED DURING OUR PREVIOUS TRIP PLANNING AND  
DROPPED. WE SHOULD WAIT AND SEE IF HOST GOVERNMENT RAISES  
THIS QUESTION AGAIN BEFORE PROCEEDING.

2. DURING PRE-ADVANCE, WE WILL DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES  
FOR A MEETING BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE EMBASSY STAFF.

3. SINCE NO PRESS CONFERENCES ARE SCHEDULED ELSEWHERE,  
THERE WILL NOT BE ONE IN BRAZIL.

4. NO RECEPTION WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR PRESIDENT CARTER.  
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5. RIO HAS BEEN SELECTED AS A SECOND STOP TO PROVIDE  
A REST STOP FOR THE TRAVELING PARTY AND PRESS BEFORE THE  
AFRICAN LEG OF THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP. BECAUSE OF THIS,  
CEREMONIES AND FUNCTIONS SHOULD BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM.  
WE DO, HOWEVER, VIEW THE VISIT TO RIO AS AN OPPORTUNITY

FOR THE PRESIDENT TO HAVE CONTACT WITH A POPULOUS, DYNAMIC AND HISTORIC AREA OF BRAZIL AS OPPOSED TO THE FORMAL STRUCTURED IMAGE OF CAPITAL CITY ENVIRONMENT IN BRASILIA.

6. IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE, WE WOULD LIKE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS OF POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES FOR PRESIDENT CARTER THAT WOULD MAXIMIZE HIS EXPOSURE WHILE MINIMIZING THE AMOUNT OF TIME NEEDED. IF POSSIBLE, THE ARRIVAL CEREMONY AT THE AIRPORT AND MOTORCADE INTO THE OVERNITE LOCATION SHOULD BE ALL THE ACTIVITIES HE IS INVOLVED IN.

7. WITH RESPECT TO THE SUGGESTIONS RAISED IN RIO 809:

A. ARRIVAL CEREMONIES SHOULD BE AS SIMPLE AS POSSIBLE.

B. WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO SCHEDULE A WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY AT THE MONUMENT OF BRAZIL'S WORLD WAR II DEAD. THE PRE-ADVANCE WILL DISCUSS THE EVENT WITH YOU. WOULD YOU LET US KNOW IF THE BRAZILIANS WOULD CONSIDER IT INAPPROPRIATE NOT TO LAY A WREATH AND TELL US IF PREVIOUS OFFICIAL VISITORS LIKE PRESIDENT TRUMAN AND SECRETARY KISSINGER LAID A WREATH.

C. AS NOTED IN PARA 6 ABOVE WE SHOULD PLAN FOR AS DIRECT A ROUTE FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE HOTEL AS POSSIBLE. CONFIDENTIAL

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D. WE WOULD RATHER NOT VISIT THE SCHOOL.

E. PREFER THE SAMBA SCHOOL EVENT NOT BE ON THE SCHEDULE.

F. YOU SHOULD DISCOURAGE ANY EVENING ACTIVITY AND RESIST A DINNER INVITATION. PRE ADVANCE WILL DISCUSS AS WELL.

G. WOULD YOU LET US KNOW IF ANY PROFESSIONAL SOCCER MATCHES WILL BE HELD DURING THE PRESIDENT'S STAY IN RIO.

8. FOR BRASILIA: PLEASE PROVIDE POSSIBLE OPTIONS FOR A MEETING WITH CARDINAL ARNS IF A RIO VISIT IS NOT POSSIBLE.

9. RE ACCOMMODATIONS, WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY THOUGHTS ON ACCOMMODATIONS PER STATE 42623. ASSUMPTION DURING PREVIOUS PREADVANCE WAS THAT ALL OF TRAVELING PARTY PLUS BULK OF PRESS WOULD BE HOUSED IN HOTEL NACIONAL. PREFER THAT ENTIRE PARTY BE ACCOMMODATED IN NACIONAL IF POSSIBLE. PLEASE ADVISE.

10. FOR RIO: RE ACCOMMODATIONS, PLEASE APPROACH INTERCONTINENTAL AND SHERATON HOTELS ASAP FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT OF TRIP TO SEE WHAT IS AVAILABLE. PREFERENCE IS FOR ONE LOCATION. HOWEVER, IF PARTY SPLIT INTO TWO GROUPS, PRESS, PRESS STAFF AND PRESS CENTER SHOULD BE AT ONE LOCATION (APPROXIMATELY 250 PERSONS); WITH TRAVELING STAFF AT OTHER LOCATION (APPROXIMATELY 200 PERSONS). SINGLE ROOMS PREFERRED FOR ALL, TO MAKE TOTAL OF 450 ROOMS. AS NOTED IN STATE 42623, THERE WILL BE UP TO 50 ADDITIONAL NETWORK PERSONNEL ARRIVING INDEPENDENTLY AND MAKING OWN ARRANGEMENTS. THEY WILL WANT TO STAY AT SAME HOTEL AS PRESS TRAVELING WITH PARTY. PLEASE REVIEW HOTEL SITUATION AND ADVISE.

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